(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the persons mentioned in the list; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Bangladesh has forwarded a list of 15 Bangladeshi Nationals wanted for crimes committed in Bangladesh and allegedly present in India. Additional details have been sought from Government of Bangladesh in order to facilitate their identification and apprehension. The Government of India is fully committed to cooperating with Government of Bangladesh in apprehending criminal and anti-social elements.

India's contribution in reconstruction of Afghanistan

†210. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the India's contribution in the reconstruction of Afghanistan and solution of the problems of people; and

(b) the concrete programme of co-operation formulated by India on humanitarian grounds to help Afghanis who are even compelled to sell their children for grains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) and (b) India is committed to providing and has provided extensive humanitarian, project and financial assistance to Afghanistan. Government has announced a financial commitment of US $ 100 million for reconstruction and rehabilitation projects in Afghanistan. Out of this, on 10th July, 2002, the Government transferred a sum of US $ 10 million into the account of Afghan Government as grant for

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budget subsidy. In addition, during the visit of H.E. Mr. Hamid Karzai, Chairman of then Afghan Interim Administration to India in February this year, Prime Minister had announced an assistance of US $ 10 million for various project related assistance to Afghanistan. Some of the major projects that have been implemented include supply of medical stores and medical services; artificial limbs center in Kabul; gifting of 50 buses to the Afghan Government; training of Afghan diplomats at the Foreign Service Institute in New Delhi; deputation of two English Language teachers to Afghanistan; computerization of Afghan Foreign Ministry; setting up of computer training center in Kabul, and training of Afghan Police Officers and cadets in India. Projects under consideration include in the fields of Water and Power, Agriculture, Education, Information and Broadcasting, and Road Construction.

Government is also in the process of finalizing details for handing over of three aircraft from Air India to Ariana Afghan Airlines.

Government has also committed to provide 1 million tonnes of wheat as food aid. The operationalization of this commitment has faced some transit related issues. Government is now discussing with the World Food Programme options to operationalize part of this commitment in alternative forms, such as high protein biscuits for school feeding programme.

Atrocities against minorities in Pakistan

†211. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Pakistan main alpsankhyakon ka jeena doobhar", published in Rashtriya Sahara dated May 27, 2002; and

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